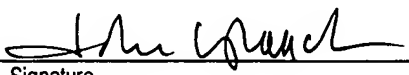


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FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 8-93)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	CASE NO. 10808/163
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/512016</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE03/01205	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 10, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 22, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR FABRICATING THIN METAL-CONTAINING LAYERS HAVING LOW ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hans-Joachim BARTH (München, Germany) Helmut TEWS, (München, Germany)			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li><li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</li><li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li><li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau) (Attached at Tab 1)</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. (Attached at Tab 2)</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li></ol></li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li><li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34. (Attached at Tab 3)</li></ol>			
Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. (Attached at Tab 4)</li><li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. (Attached at Tab 5)</li><li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li><li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li><li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li><li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li></ol>			

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<b>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</b> <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1110.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$950.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. .... \$790.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$750.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00  <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b>				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
				\$950	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				0	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	12- 20 =	0	x \$ 18.00	\$0.00	
Independent Claims	1- 3 =	0	x \$ 88.00	\$0.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable			0 + \$300.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$950	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$950	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$0	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE=				\$950	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property +				0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED=				\$950	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
				charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$950 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$      to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
Send All Correspondence to: Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione P.O. Box 10395 Chicago, IL 60610			<div style="text-align: center;">           Signature          John G. Rauch          Name          37,218          Registration Number       </div>		